

Improvements in Prairie City.

Where shall we begin, and what shall we say, in attempting to enumerate and describe the various improvements and alterations that have taken place in our town, since the last issuing of our paper prior to its temporary suspension? A better commendation, exemplification, verification, and signification, on, at, about and concerning the superior excellencies of Free institutions and the drive-ahead qualities of the Kansas people, cannot be produced than a moment's glance at the progress of Prairie City. Six months ago, all that Prairie City could boast of was four insignificant log cabins; now she numbers nearly forty good substantial buildings, with nearly all the comforts, advantages, etcetera, of Eastern towns, of ten times its size. All this has been done solely by the industry and energy of our people—for capital we have not. There are some towns in Kansas, that have progressed more rapidly than Prairie City since its commencement, but none, however, with the same limited amount of capital. When all the obstacles we have been laboring under are taken into consideration, everybody will admit that Prairie City is the banner town of Kansas, for enterprise.

The McAllister House must be the first on our list. This building is three stories in height, including the basement, which is about half-way above ground, about twenty by thirty-five feet in dimensions, and constructed of stone. It was projected and built by Major Shore, at an expense of about \$1500.

Next comes the store of JOHN R. WINTON, which is a stone building, 20 by 30, two stories in height, and was constructed by WINTON & WILLET, at an expense of \$1,000. The post-office is in this store, which distributes and sends out as much mail matter as some towns of a thousand inhabitants.

Mr. H. GIFFORD's dwelling-house, constructed of stone, two stories in height, next demands our attention. This house has already cost Mr. GIFFORD nearly eight hundred dollars, and when wholly completed will cost several hundred more, and will be one of the most elegant homesteads in this part of the country.

DAVID GRIFFITH Esq., on a lot adjacent to Mr. GIFFORD, has erected a fine two-story dwelling house.

Dr. H. J. CANNIFF, on the south side of Liberty Hill, has erected a comfortable two-story and a half dwelling house.

LAROUX, BABER & STEVENS, in Block 27, Church street, erected the two-story stone block occupied by PROUTY & WILLET, Publishers & Real Estate Agents.

LAROUX, BABER & STEVENS, in the block south of the CHAMPION office, have constructed a two-story stone block, which is designed for three stores or trading establishments of some nature.

The M. E. Church, on the rise of ground east of Eden Park, have erected a house of worship. It is constructed of stone, and is of suitable dimensions to accommodate the church-going people at present.

Major Shore has erected a store on the corner of Mt. Pleasant and Fremont streets, now occupied by Mr. H. T. GOUDY, for his "One Price Cash Store."

ELIAS BASSINGER is now at work on a building which is nearly completed, which is designed for a mechanical shop of some description.

GEORGE WOLFE has partially completed a carpenter shop on the second block south of the "CHAMPION" office, Church street.

GRIFFITH & KELL are now building a frame blacksmith shop near their old one.

WM. SOWERS has the frame up for a carpenter shop on Ottawa street, near the Methodist Church.

JOHN HOBBS is building a three-story stone building, near the southeast corner of Eden Park, Aurora street.

WM. HAYDEN has the foundation laid for a two-story stone block on Aurora street, near the North-east corner of Eden Park.

HENRY COE is constructing a two-story dwelling house on Main street, one block north of Mr. GIFFORD's residence.

JOHN VANDERBILT, Esq., has the frame up for an office, at the corner

of Fremont and Mt. Pleasant streets.

Dr. GRAHAM is constructing a building for an office, we presume, opposite Mr. WINTON's store.

E. G. SCOTT is building a two-story dwelling house, opposite Mr. LEONARD's shoe shop.

HENRY EVANS has erected a frame building on the West side of Eden Park, designed for a restaurant.

Dr. and JOHN GRAHAM are erecting, at the corner of Aurora and Summer streets, a hotel, to be three stories in height, independent of the basement. It is 32 by 65 feet on the ground, and when completed will be the largest hotel in the Territory south of Lawrence. We shall give a minute description of this building in some future number.

In addition to these various improvements, there have been many contracts made for the immediate construction of more buildings, and the prospects of Prairie City grew better and more cheering every day.

We have received several copies of the "Aurora Beacon," a paper recently started in Aurora Illinois, by KNICKERBOCKER & HARMAN. It is an ably conducted journal for one of its class—neutral—but we regret that the Republicans of Aurora are debarred from the services of so talented and efficient an advocate of their principles as friend HARMAN. Why not make the Beacon a Republican paper? Judging from the character of the votes polled at West Aurora, we would think no better field for missionary services could be furnished.

Were it not rather delicate business, we would direct attention to the Land Agency advertisement of PROUTY & WILLET. If we were not situated just as we are, we would say—because we know it to be true!—that they are industrious, enterprising, thriving, go-ahead "boys," fully up to the spirit of the age, and always ready to attend promptly to any and every kind of business in the land agency line! Oh, hum! see what a good puff this firm lose by being printers!

No. 9 of the Southern Kansas Herald, published at Osawatimie, by CHAS. E. GRIFFITH, is on our table. It is printed on a sheet one size larger than the Champion, and bears evidence of being a well conducted Free State journal. If Osawatimie knows what is for her best interest, she will give this paper a liberal support.

Our Representative in Congress.

The following from the Washington Globe shows that Mr. Parrot is making some progress with our business in Congress:

Introduced by Mr. Parrot: A bill to create the land district of Neosho, in the Territory of Kansas.

Also, a bill to appoint commissioners to take testimony of the damages sustained by the citizens of Kansas, and for other purposes.

Also a bill to admit Kansas into the Union under the Topeka Constitution.

STEVENS, WALSH & LAROUX, invite the attention of the Prairie City people to what they have to say in our advertising columns. An inspection of the mechanical work of these gentlemen will convince any one that they are superior workmen.

The election for delegates to the Convention to frame a State Constitution will take place on the first Monday in March.

The Texas Legislature has passed a bill which allows free colored persons who may desire it, to select masters and become slaves.

The Legislature has established a road from Emporia, via, Ohio City and Indianapolis to Osawatimie.

An act legalizing the city charter and government of the city of Lawrence has passed both branches of the Legislature.

The election to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr. Stanford, as ordered by the Acting-Gov. ernor, came off on Tuesday last. Only about fifty votes were polled at Osawatimie, and they were scattered about indiscriminately. We have had so many elections recently, that voting has become a drug. Mr. Stibbitt is no doubt elected.—Osawatimie Herald.

Eastern people wishing to keep posted in Kansas matters, should subscribe for the "CHAMPION."

Oregon Matters.

Our latest advices from Oregon express the opinion that every county in the Territory has voted against Slavery, and that compels returns will show the majority for the Constitution to be about 4,000; that against Slavery, about 5,000; and the majority against permitting free negroes to settle in the State, something more than 5,000.

"Uncle JOHNNY GRAHAM" has ceased waging war against the Pope and now earnestly calls for aid to assist him in another field. See what he has to say in our advertising columns.

The man who courted an investigation, says it is not half as good as an affectionate girl. We presume not.



In Lawrence, on the 22d ult., by Rev. G. W. Hutchinson, Mr. ALEXANDER CARR, to Miss MARY L. SMOOT, both of Lawrence.



At Lawrence, Friday morning, 22 ult., Mrs. KATE ANGELL THACHER, wife of T. DWIGHT THACHER, Esq., Editor Lawrence Republican.

PRAIRIE CITY MARKET.

PRAIRIE CITY, Feb. 4, 1858.
FLOUR—Superfine, \$5 25 per hundred.
WHEAT—50 per bushel.
CORN—None in market.
COB MEAL—\$1 25
WHITE BEANS—\$3 00.
POTATOES—1 00.
GREEN APPLES—\$1 75 Per Bush.
DRIED—3 00.
CRACKERS—15c. per lb.
FRESH BUTTER—25c. per lb.
CHEESE—25c. per lb.
SALERATUS—12c. per lb.
BROWN SUGAR—14@16c. "
WHITE—15c. per lb.
RICE—10 to 12c. "
TEA—75c. @ \$1 00 "
COFFEE—16c. @ 20c. "
BEER—6c "
BACON—12@14c. "
COPPER—10@12c. "
MACKEREL—15c. "
TOBACCO—45@60c. "
MANILLA ROPE—25c. "
SOAP—10c "
CANDLES—Star, 30@35c. "
TALLOW—14c. "
COTTON BATTING—35c. "
IRON—7@10c. "
NAILS—8c. "
LOG CHAIN—10@12c. "
SAD IRONS—10@12c. "
HIDES—Green, 5c.; dry, 10c. per lb. "
SALT—per sack of 200 lbs., \$3 00.
AXES—\$1 00 @ \$1 25 "
OX BOWS—per piece, 50c. "
SOCKS—per pair, 40c. "
BOOTS—Stogies, per pair, \$3 50 @ \$4 00 "
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SHEETINGS—Brown, per yard, 12c. @ 15c. "
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PRINTS—per yard, 8@15c. "
DELAINE—" " " " " " " " " " " " "
OIL—Lined, per gal., \$1 50. "
MOLASSES—" " " " " " " " " " " " "
STREET—" " " " " " " " " " " " "
WOOD—Hard, per cord, \$2 50. "
COAL—Stone, per bushel, 25@50c. "
GLASS—8 by 10, per light, 7c. "
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LUMBER—Per thousand, \$25@35. "
SHINGLES—per thousand and 50 @ \$6 50 "
WORK OXEN—\$50 @ \$100 "
COWS—\$18 @ \$35. "
HORSES AND MULES—\$75 @ \$150. "
LUMBER WAGONS—\$80 @ \$110.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

READY FOR THE Spring Campaign!

READY!—TAKE AIM!—FIRE!
AND then charge with all your might and main with pick-axes, crowbars, spades, shovels, stone-hammers, and every other necessary weapon, into the stone quarry on Liberty Hill, and construct there a formidable stone fortress for JOHN GRAHAM to secure a retreat and obtain fresh supplies of building material when he is strongly pressed by the numerous applications to be made to him for his services in housebuilding. Mr. Graham is fully prepared to execute all orders that may be given him in the stone masonry line, and will work upon such terms as will be unobjectionable to his employers.
131f JOHN GRAHAM.

IMPORTANT TO BUILDERS!

STEVENS, WALSH & LAROUX, DESIRE to inform the citizens of Prairie City and vicinity, that they have lately formed themselves into a co-partnership for the purpose of driving an extensive business in the line of Housebuilding, Stone Masonry, Cistern Building, Stone Cutting, and in fact everything that is and can be done by practical and experienced Stone Masons. We are all practical workmen, of many years' experience, and we guarantee our work to give the very best satisfaction, and our terms are as moderate as those of any other firm in the Territory. All orders promptly executed with fidelity and dispatch.
HENRY STEVENS, JAMES WALSH, FRANCIS LAROUX.
13 6m

Masons Wanted!
WANTED immediately, at Prairie City, several good stone masons, to whom constant employment and the most liberal wages will be given.
J. GRAHAM, Feb. 4, 1857.—131f

O. WILMARTH, BOOK SELLER & STATIONER, 30 Mass. street, Lawrence, K. T.

JOSIAH MILLER.

SEEING that we are about to have legal authority established in Kansas, and that he will attend to all business pertaining to the profession of the law. Settling here in August, 1854, and being editor of the "Kansas Free State," which was destroyed in Lawrence, May 31st, 1856, he is well posted as to the best places for investing money on speculation, and as to the true condition of many contested claim cases, and will faithfully attend to any business of that kind.
N. B. That his office of Judge of Probate does not prevent him practicing in all other courts of Kansas, and also gives him authority to administer oaths, take depositions, acknowledgment of deeds, and other instruments of writing.
17 A number of 160-acre warrants, low for cash or on time.
Office 12 Massachusetts street, opposite Express office, Lawrence, K. T. 121f

THE BOSTON DINING SALOON.

No. 18 Massachusetts Street, Lawrence.
OPEN from 7 A. M. to 12 P. M. Meals served to order at all hours. Oysters cooked in every style.
Regular customers can save twenty-five per cent. by purchasing tickets at the counter. We have placed our tickets low in order to give persons a chance to board with us as cheap if not cheaper than elsewhere.
H. C. WHITLEY & CO. (121f) A. P. DAMON

READ THIS!

30 to 50 per Cent. Saved by making Your Purchases at

H. C. HEMMENWY'S, Collamore Building, Lawrence.

I have the largest and best stock of DRY GOODS

In the Territory of Kansas, and will SELL AT COST

And defy all Competition!!!—121f

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Pictures! Pictures!! Pictures!!!

JOHN BOLES takes pleasure in announcing to the people of Prairie City and vicinity that he has opened a suit of rooms in Robinson's Building at No. 1 Massachusetts street, Lawrence, where he would be glad to see all his old friends and customers. All the modern improvements in picture-taking are practiced to perfection. The Ambrotype, Mellinotype, Ambrograph, &c., are all on exhibition at Boles's Crystal Skylight Picture Rooms, free of charge. Excellent pictures of the new style taken for \$1.50. Views, Family Groups, &c., taken on short notice. He trusts by close attention to business and taking good pictures to merit a continuance of the favors so generously bestowed by his old friends and customers, and secure a share of public patronage. Instructions in any and all of the new arts given on Scientific Principles. 121f

LAWRENCE DRUG STORE,

Woodward's Block, Main-st., Lawrence, Kansas.

D. W. WOODWARD J. A. FINLEY.

WOODWARD & FINLEY,

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in DRUGS, PATENT MEDICINES,

Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Tobacco, WINDOW GLASS,

Glass-Ware, Toilet Articles, Brushes, PERFUMERIES, CIGARS,

FINE WINES, LIQUORS, &c., (For Medicinal purposes.)

BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

PERIODICALS, LITHOGRAPHS, Sheet Music, etc., etc., with the largest and best stock of Drugs in Kansas.

We are prepared to fill all orders promptly, and on the most reasonable terms. 121f

WILLIAM B. PARSONS.

ATTORNEY AT LAW, Lawrence, Kansas.

WILL practice in the several Courts of the Territory, attend to contested claims in the Land Office, pay Taxes for non residents, invest money in town property or farms, examine titles, &c. Office in the "Commercial." 12 1y

S. N. WOOD,

ATTORNEY AT LAW, REAL ESTATE AGENT,

Notary Public, Commissioner of Deeds, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE,

BUYs and sells Real Estate on commission, invests money and locates Land Warrants for non-residents, and does a general Land Agency business. Land Warrants constantly on hand, and for sale cheaper than at any other place in Lawrence, and guaranteed in every particular. 12 1y

JAMES CHRISTIAN,

Counsellor at Law

AND GENERAL LAND AGENT, LAWRENCE, KANSAS.

Will attend promptly to all business in his profession entrusted to his care, in the various courts of the Territory, and in his LAND OFFICE. Collections made in any part of the Territory, or in Western Missouri. 12 1y

D. E. WEIR,

Attorney at Law

AND GENERAL LAND AGENT, LAWRENCE, KANSAS.

Land Warrants for sale for cash, or on time. 12 1y

ROBERT L. FRAZER,

Watchmaker & Jeweler,

DEALER IN WATCHES, CLOCKS, Fine Jewelry,

REVOLVERS, FANCY GOODS, &c. &c. LAWRENCE, KANSAS. 12 1y

List of Letters

REMAINING in the Post Office at Prairie City, K. T., January 1st, 1858. Persons calling for them will please say they are advertised.

Adams, Jas.	McClinton, Jas.
Adkins, Jas. M.	Moline, Sam'l G.
Barricklow, Ira	Mitchell, Sam'l
Barclay, Jas. W.	Minshall, Elias T.
Bewry, Thos.	Moffett, Christian
Burnside, Robt.	Magner, Haran
Blackledge, A. M.	Owens, John B.
Clark, Henry	Prichard, George
Day, J. Y.	Pile, Isaiah
Dyer, Albert	Pettingale, E. D.
Day, J. H.	Parklow, David
Dean, Fred	Prescott, Alva
Debray, Smith	Reynolds, Clarkson
Deep, Mrs. Lucinda	Reed, James
Deep, Josiah	Rogers, R. M. D.
Edmons, Henry W.	Snyder, Leonard
Emerson, John W.	Snyder, Henry
Ellidge, L.	Sample, Nathaniel
Ellis, John T.	Story, Robert
Flack, Robt. J.	Strous, G. W.
Fry, John	Smith, Mrs. Harrison
Fort, Wm	Sparks, A. L.
Godfrey, John W.	Simpson, Elias
Gabriel, David	Sylvester, R.
Gibbs, John	Scott, B. F.
Hodges, David	Smith, Jas. L.
Hannah, Amos	Tenant, Wm.
Hov, Mrs. J. B.	Toule, Daniel
Hovey, Mrs. Rachel	Tweed, Wm.
Hannan, Henry	Ulrich, Robert
Hopkins, Augustus	Vaughan, J. W.
Hankins, Thos	Wilkins, Jas. C.
Joubert, Julien	Winkler, Christian
Jacob, Augustus C	Willard Wm.
Kinsley, John	Woodruff, Wm. R.
Kraft, Wm	Westfall, William
Keck, Jacob	Wallace, John R.
Kennedy, Mrs. C	Ward, Hugh
McCaun, John	Williamson, Wm.
	Yenks, John

LETTERS REMAINING FOR NON-PAYMENT OF POSTAGE.

Mr. A. W. Morgan, Atlanta, Ills.
Mr. John Long, Vandalia, Indiana.
Lucia R. King, Cincinnati, O.
John Jones, Chatfield, O.
Daniel Davey, Mineral Point, O.
John Wilson, Greenfield, Mo.
JNO. R. WINTON, P. M.

Arrival and Departure of the Mails.

PRAIRIE CITY P. O. Jan. 20, 1858.

THE Eastern Mail arrives here regularly every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, on its way to Osawatimie, K. T.; departs every Thursday, Tuesday and Saturday, on its way to Lawrence. The Eastern Mail from Independence to Leroy arrives here regularly every Tuesday. Departs every Wednesday.

This office will be open regularly through the week during business hours, and one hour every Sunday, from 9 A. M. to 10 A. M. 121f JNO. R. WINTON, P. M.

A. D. FINDLEY,

Cabinet Ware Maker,

RESPECTFULLY informs the citizens of Prairie City and surrounding country, that he has permanently located among them, and solicits their patronage, feeling confident, from his long experience in the business, that he can supply his friends with as fine an article in the shape of cabinet ware as can be manufactured in Kansas, and he guarantees to put his prices down to such low figures as will give the very best satisfaction. Please give him a call. Shop No 39, Church st. 121f

F. E. KALER,

Merchant Tailor,

PRAIRIE CITY KANSAS.

Store and Shop in Prouty's Block, Corner Lane and Liberty streets.

HE would respectfully inform the citizens of Prairie City and vicinity that he is prepared to do all kinds of Tailoring, in the latest and most fashionable style, upon the shortest notice, and the most reasonable terms.

Particular attention paid to Cutting and Fitting.

Repairing neatly and rapidly executed. 121f

YOUNG AMERICA AHEAD!

COE & VOORHEES

ARCHITECTS AND BUILDERS,

HAVE just entered into co-partnership in the Carpentering business, and are now prepared to execute all orders that may be given them in their line of business. We are young, but nevertheless we believe we understand our business, and we are perfectly willing to have our work investigated and let it show for itself. We intend to have none but good workmen in our employ, and shall superintend all work personally. Orders respectfully solicited.
HENRY COE, LUKE VOORHEES.
121f Prairie City, January, 1858.

McALLISTER HOUSE,

On Mt. Pleasant st., opposite Eden Park, PRAIRIE CITY, KANSAS.

HIRAM McALLISTER, PROPRIETOR.

THIS house has lately been repaired, and is now fully open for the reception of the traveling community. The proprietor pledges himself that no pains will be spared to render the stay of the guests of this house agreeable. The table will always be furnished with every material which the market affords. 121f

W. N. SHED,

PRACTICAL SURVEYOR,

PRAIRIE CITY, KANSAS.

Will attend personally to all kinds of Surveying, laying out Town Sites, Platting and Mapping, on the most reasonable terms, and at short notice. 121f

B. LEONARD,

Boot and Shoe Maker,

PRAIRIE CITY, KANSAS.

HAS on hand, a stock of the finest Custom made Boots, of the best quality. I am selling at reduced prices, previous of laying in my Spring Stock. You will find them fifty per cent cheaper than any of the shop made boots south of Lawrence, and you will have the benefit of having the ribs sewed free of charge. 12 1f

LOWMAN & REYNOLDS,

GENERAL LAND AGENTS,

LAWRENCE, KANSAS.

Over Finley & Woodward's Drug Store.

A large stock of Land Warrants constantly on hand. 12 1y

Lard, Lard!

FRESH Lard, for family use, for sale at 121f GOUDY'S.

REBELLIONS!

IN UTAH & PRAIRIE CITY!

15,000 Government Troops

To be dispatched to Salt Lake to suppress the Rebellion among the Mormons, and

1,500 of Kansas Territorial Militia

and denizens of Kansas to proceed immediately to Prairie City to adjust matters in that vicinity!!!

GREAT EXCITEMENT

BRIGHAM YOUNG has about attained the acme of his ambition. Feeling that there was no name to descend to posterity which would be venerated with more holy reverence than his own—that of "Joe Smyth"—he saw that it was incumbent upon him, in order to have the memory of himself forever perpetuated among the "Saints" as the great Head and Tail of the ignoble Mormon institution, to kick up an excitement and occasion a conflict with Uncle Sam, for the purpose of having the impression go abroad to the world that they were an unjustly oppressed people, and thereby make him, as their present great prophet, another "Ye great martyr" of a magnitude superior to their now worshipped one. Well, he has succeeded, and soon 15,000 U. S. troops will be marching to the land of the "Saints" to aid the ambitious Brigham in accomplishing his schemes. In Prairie City a tremendous excitement has lately been raised, occasioned by one

H. T. GOUDY,

Who has "rebelledd" against the high prices of Groceries, Provisions, &c., and started an emporium under the title of GOUDY'S ONE-PRICE STORE, Where may be found everything desired in the line of GROCERIES.

PROVISIONS, DRY GOODS, WOODEN WARE, HARDWARE,

And in fact nearly everything that the people of this "city" and vicinity need, and at

SUCH LOW PRICES!

That it is currently reported, and pretty generally believed, that

One Thousand and Five Hundred Persons, either Kansas Territorial Militia, or other inhabitants of Kansas, design in the future to do their trading at this place!

Come Along! Come Along!

I have supplies enough for you all, and will furnish you with them at figures as low, if not

Decidedly Lower!

Than at any other trading establishment south of Lawrence. My Store is at the corner of Fremont and Mt. Pleasant streets, opposite Eden Park. 121f H. T. GOUDY.

Dried Apples!

Of the very best quality, constantly on hand, at \$3.00 per bushel, at 121f GOUDY'S.

Corn Meal!

At \$1.25 per bushel, for sale at 121f GOUDY'S.

Beans!

At \$3.00 per bushel, for sale at 121f